IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 8-14.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for updating personalized user information on a home page comprising:

receiving a request from a user to update ~~the~~ personalized information on ~~the~~ a home page, said home page hosted by a web server including a database;

~~retrieving a password corresponding to said user;~~

~~querying said user for said password;~~

~~receiving a user response to said query; and~~

receiving personalized information from said user;

verifying that all required information has been provided by said user;

displaying said personalized information to said user for confirmation; and

allowing said personalized information to be updated in said database responsive to receiving a confirmation from said user ~~on said home page if said user response contains said password~~.

Claims 8-14   (Cancelled)

15.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus for updating personalized user information on a home page comprising:

web server means including database means;

means for receiving a request from a user to update ~~the~~ personalized information on ~~a~~ the home page hosted by said web server;

~~means for retrieving a password corresponding to said user;~~

~~means for querying said user for said password;~~

~~means for receiving a user response to said query; and~~

means for receiving personalized information from said user;

means for verifying that all required information has been provided by said user;

means for displaying said personalized information to said user for confirmation; and

means for allowing said personalized information to be updated in said database responsive to receiving a confirmation from said user ~~on said home page if said user response contains said password~~.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said personalized information includes non-textual content.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said non-textual content is uploaded to said website using a file transfer protocol.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said uploading of said non-textual content is performed using a password and user ID associated with said user.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said personalized information

        includes a link to the user's e-mail address.

20.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said personalized information

        includes a URL provided by said user.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said personalized information

        includes a URL to the user's organization homepage.